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CULTIVATE A WAR GARDEN

Alaska School Bulletin Calls on Children of Territory to Do Their Share

The following is from the Alaska School Bulletin, which is published at Juneau under the supervision of Territorial School Commissioner L. D. Henderson, and should be read by every boy and girl in the Territory:

The nation is confronted by a condition which challenges the best efforts of every loyal American. Several millions of our able-bodied men have been drawn from the pursuits of peace into lines of activity which are called into being as a result of the world conflict in which we are engaged. This condition exists not only in the United States, but also in the British Empire, France, Italy and among our other allies. As a result, the output of certain industries which are very essential to national existence has been curtailed and this curtailment will increase unless very great efforts are put forth by those citizens who are not being used directly in the production and transportation of munitions of war.

Never in the history of the world has there been such a universal shortage of food material. While this shortage is much more serious in Europe than in America, its effects are nevertheless felt here, due to the fact that we must supply our allies with food and thus make it possible for them to hold out until a victorious peace comes to our arms. America is in truth the bread basket of the world.

War gardens were very much in vogue during the year 1917 and will, from all indications, be doubly needed during the present year. While the agricultural possibilities of some sections of Alaska are somewhat undeveloped, it is felt that certain vegetables and garden products can be raised in most communities, while the soil and climate of certain parts provide excellent opportunities for the growing of many varieties of agricultural products. The individual who maintains a war garden in Alaska during the present summer is truly patriotic in that his savings in money will permit him to invest in war securities, the food he raises and eats while fresh or preserved by drying or canning will release an equivalent amount for our boys over there and for the civilian population of our European allies, and lastly he will be conserving shipping facilities and making available more tonnage and rolling stock for the transportation of the vital necessities of war by his "raised in my own garden" policy.

It is felt that the boys and girls of Alaska will respond to an appeal for the planting of war gardens if the same is enthusiastically presented by the teachers of the Territory and it is the purpose of this article to request and urge that matter be taken up actively in every school.

MARKETS SUPPLIED

With the arrival of the steamer Humboldt this morning the "green-stuff" famine which has existed in the markets for the past few days was relieved.

To My Patrons:

I am retiring from the business field of Douglas. I wish to thank my friends for their patronage in the past.

Any one having accounts against me will please present them at once.

All people owing me will please come in and settle up.

Very Respectfully,

WM. STUBBINS

CONDITION CRITICAL

Sister Mary Hilda, sister superior at St. Ann's hospital, was operated on yesterday for an affection on the side of her throat and just beneath one of her ears. Her condition today is not very encouraging, but hopes are entertained for her ultimate recovery. Sister Mary Hilda is a great favorite with all who know her and many inquiries are being made today as to her condition.

CITY COUNCIL TO SELL BEARS

Federal Regulations Regarding Docks Makes It Impractical to Keep "Dooleys"

The city council decided at the regular meeting Monday night to make an effort to dispose of the "Dooley" family, the two fine pet bears which have been kept in a pen on Mayflower island for the past several years, the federal regulation which provides for the closing of docks making it impractical to continue to harbor the animals. City Clerk Bennett was instructed to communicate with park directors of outside cities with the view of disposing of them.

The council discussed the matter of having the ferries land at the City dock, as the ferry wharf is no longer safe for teams to go there for freight and baggage.

The street committee was instructed to secure men for sluicing the streets with salt water to aid the snow and ice in their departure.

Complaint being made regarding the lack of proper exits from the Liberty theatre, the council visited that resort in a body and arrived at the conclusion that it is dangerous as it exists at present. Orders have been issued to the management to put the theatre in safe condition at the earliest possible date.

The wharf committee reported 95 tons of coal on hand and the business of the wharf to have amounted to \$524.10 for the preceding week. Cash in the treasury was reported as being \$4,513.43.

SOMEWHERE IN ALASKA

Albin Bartello, Fred Gius and Charley Johnson are cruising somewhere off Alaska's 24,000 miles of coastline in the former's big launch, City of Rome. They went out a week ago and did not expect to return for a month, possibly longer. It is said they took four months' provisions with them, but that is typical of Bartello, as he is said to have never left even for an hour's cruise around the Channel without having grub enough aboard to last at least a month. The party is merely away for an outing and when they become tired, they will return.

FAREWELL TO STOODYS

Superintendent and Mrs. R. G. Wayland entertained about three dozen of their friends at their home Wednesday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Stoodys, who are to leave in a short time for the outside, probably not to return. Auction bridge was the form of entertainment. Delicious refreshments were served. On the whole, it was one of the happiest events that has been given on the island for some time.

O'CONNORS BACK FOR THE SUMMER

Oldtimers Arrive From Seattle and Will Remain Several Months

Although the sun was not shining this morning, Douglas appeared more bright and cheery than for a long time and just for the reason that the beaming countenance of "Mike" O'Connor was diffusing its rays after an absence of eight months.

Mr. O'Connor with his wife and Miss Regene Miller arrived on the Humboldt from Seattle this morning and will remain here until fall, the former having considerable private business to adjust. They are yet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Stubbins, but will occupy one of their numerous houses soon.

Mr. O'Connor has been engaged in the real estate business in Seattle since leaving here, but says that business, owing to conditions superinduced by the war, is quiet now. Otherwise, he says, Seattle is quite lively and that rents are "out of sight." He predicts a new lease of life for this section of Alaska at the conclusion of the war, but gives it as his opinion that it may be two years before that conclusion is reached. He says that after the war there is bound to be a lull in business circles outside while wages are being adjusted and that during that period there will be a great rush to the northland.

The O'Connors are all looking as though they had been carefully shielded from the Taku winds during the past winter.

FIREMEN'S BALL GREAT SUCCESS

Upward of One Hundred Couples Attend Social Event for Benefit of Red Cross

The youth and beauty of Douglas Island, augmented by more than a score from Juneau and several from Thane, were out in full force at the Natarium Wednesday night, the occasion being a benefit dance given by the firemen of Douglas for the Red Cross.

For several nights previous the boys had been busy in the big hall and the effects of their work was apparent in the beautiful decorations with which it was festooned, there being flags, draperies and timely pictures on all sides and suspended from the ceiling. Prominently displayed was a service flag containing the names of twelve members of the department who entered the service of their country to fight for its honor and the protection of those left behind.

Music for the dance was furnished by the Treadwell orchestra of five pieces and it was of the variety that bid dull care be gone. Dancing began shortly after 9 o'clock and was continued three hours with but a short reprieve and while Prof. G. W. Greene made what is said to have been one of the best four-minute speeches yet heard in Douglas, his subject being "The Third Liberty Loan."

A unique feature was the punch bowl device which consisted of a cake of ice 10 inches square and 18 inches deep in which were three bowls, one for red, one for white and one for blue punch, all tastily trimmed in small silk flags.

Returns from tickets sold are not yet all in, but the net receipts which will be turned over to the Red Cross, will exceed \$100. From a social standpoint it was the most successful dance given here for many months and too much credit can not be given the members of the fire department for their tireless efforts which made the affair the success it was.

WILL GO TO WASHINGTON

Fred Henson, who has been employed in the clerical department at Treadwell for some time past, has been offered a position at Washington City in the civil engineering and drafting corps of the United States government and will leave for the east early in May. Mr. Henson has been here since the early spring of last year and is interested with the Douglas Alaska Herring Packing Company. He has had considerable experience as a draftsman and will make good in the department to which he is going.

MRS. CARPENTER HOME

Mrs. Lloyd Carpenter returned on the Humboldt this morning from a three months' visit to California, to which place she accompanied her mother during the winter. She also visited her husband's parents in Seattle on the way north.

RIGGS DUE TOMORROW

Governor Thomas Riggs, Jr., accompanied by his wife and two children, is expected to arrive in Juneau tomorrow, probably in the afternoon. Arrangements are being made by the business men of Juneau to give him a fitting reception. It is said that former Governor and Mrs. Strong will leave tomorrow for California. It is not known where they intend to make their future home.

KINNUNE NOW "OVER YONDER"

Former Popular Douglas Merchant Lost No Time in Getting to the Busy Section

Charles E. Kinnune, formerly with the J. W. Martin Company of this place but who, accompanied by Mrs. Kinnune, left here early last December for the outside, where he enlisted with the 20th Engineers, has already landed in France, as evidenced by the following letter received here in a recent mail:

Somewhere in France, March 21, 1918.

Thought you would be interested in the Gastineau boys across the water.

We were 26 strong when we left San Francisco, but Wm. Anderson of Treadwell, had trouble with his vaccination, so he could not come across with the bunch, but was left at Washington, D. C.

Landed in France the 4th of this month and we were on board the boat for 16 days and we had a very good trip. No bad weather. Our life preservers were our constant companions during our whole trip. The last few days of the trip were somewhat exciting, but you will have to wait until I get back to the States and to good old Alaska to give you the particulars. After landing we took a few hundred mile trip inland. We were loaded into box cars marked 8 horses or 32-40 men. Some of the boys complained about waking up with a kink in their necks.

Our camp is located in the woods in a very beautiful spot. The weather is warm and sunny, regular spring, so we all feel better than ever.

The Alaska boys have made a good showing. Al Young, Oscar Phipps and myself have been made sergeants. Leo Higley is one of our cooks and putting over stew pots seems to agree with him as he is just as fat and jolly as ever.

The farms are very small over here; they generally have from five to 15 chickens and perhaps a cow. Soon the vegetables will be coming out and then we will live high.

Our camp is located four miles from a town and I use a motor cycle to go to town for supplies every day. I am mess sergeant of our company and look after the purchasing of all the food supplies, which keeps me on the go every minute.

Frank Mapleton was transferred to the Headquarters Company as master mechanic.

After looking over so much of the country, Alaska looks better to me than it did when I left, so you can expect most of us back when the war is over, over here.

With best regards, I remain, sincerely,

Sergt. C. E. KINNUNE.

WILL NOT RETURN

Miss Dora Baker, one of the high school teachers and a highly efficient young lady, will not return to Douglas next fall, having accepted the position of principal of a high school near Vancouver, Wash., but on the Oregon side of the river. Miss Baker came here last fall from Forest Grove, Oregon, where she was highly thought of, and an effort was made to get her back there for the coming year.

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In 1917 the Matanuska farmers raised some 1,200 tons of potatoes, of which seven hundred tons have been used in Anchorage and vicinity, leaving about 500 tons unused at this time. Upon learning that these would be wasted, unless a market could be found outside of Anchorage (which is already supplied), the Federal Food Administrator investigated the matter and secured from the steamship lines plying between Anchorage and other Alaska ports, a freight rate that enables the farmers to offer these Matanuska (Alaska) potatoes at the same price to the dealers that the dealers can lay down Yakima potatoes at his own port.

The Food Administrator is advised that these potatoes are being graded at Anchorage by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and that orders therefore may be placed with Mr. Robert Courtney, secretary of that organization.

The Alaska dealers engaged in business on the Coast are urged to use the Matanuska potatoes until the 500 tons surplus is exhausted for three reasons:

First: That by so doing you will be saving a valuable home food product which will be wasted and lost to us if not now marketed.

Second: That by so doing you will relieve the north-bound tonnage just that amount; this is essential because of heavy north-bound freight shipments, offerings for which are greater than the steamship lines are able to handle.

Third: Potatoes are a valuable food product and dealers should urge the consumer to use potatoes in lieu of bread as much as possible.

This is an opportunity to help both our country and our territory, and the Food Administration hopes that you will do so by buying Matanuska (i. e. Alaska grown) potatoes, while the supply lasts. Very truly yours,

ROYAL A. GUNNISON,

Federal Food Administrator for Alaska.

BACK FROM CORDOVA

Tom Graham, well known here, having been employed at Treadwell for several years, returned Tuesday night from Cordova, where he spent the winter. He says Cordova is fairly lively and has been the best town in western Alaska for some time past. He tells of former Douglas people there and says they are all prospering. Louie Keist has a second-hand store and is busy. Paul Bloedhorn is doing well in his jewelry store and George Greenlee, the printer, and Max Peyser, the tailor, are doing well, having each had an increase in his respective family lately, a girl at the Greenlee home and a boy at Peyser's. Mrs. Peyser was formerly Mrs. Fred Hile and Mrs. Greenlee is her daughter. Graham is thinking of making a trip to the outside.

FOR JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Parent-Teacher Association of Treadwell will be hosts at a card party to take place next Monday night, April 29, at Labor Union hall, for the Junior Red Cross of Treadwell, which is working valiantly and under adverse conditions, as do all Junior organizations of the order, to do their share in the demands now being made upon them. Material for Junior Red Cross work can not be purchased from funds taken from the treasuries of the organizations and they, therefore, are dependent on contributions for carrying on their work. It is to raise money for them that the party will be given Monday night when it is hoped there will be a large attendance. Beautiful prizes have been donated and will be awarded to the winners. All are urged to be there at 8:30 o'clock. A number from Juneau have signified their intentions of attending.

CAME FOR SUPPLIES

The tug Alice, recently sold by the George E. James Co. to the Todd Packing Company, of Tenakee, arrived Wednesday for a cargo of supplies and machinery and left on the return trip yesterday. As a result of the visit of the Alice to this port, business to the extent of several hundred dollars was transacted with local merchants.

ANNIVERSARY OF ODD FELLOWS

Today, April 26th, is the 99th anniversary of Oddfellowship and the local lodge will hold fitting exercises tonight in honor of the event. A short talk on the principles of the order will be made by E. J. White. There will be cards, dancing and refreshments.

KERTIS IN FRANCE

Oscar Grunder received a card this morning on which the usual formula says "The ship on which I sailed has safely reached France." The card was signed, "Grover E. Kertis," who is well known here as one of the finest athletes among the many who were here two years ago. It is believed that Norman Worth and "Scotty" Bissett and probably others formerly of Treadwell, are with Kertis now, as they were known to be in training with him a few weeks ago.

ANNIVERSARY OF SUBSIDENCE

Day of Which Monday, April 22, Was Anniversary Will Be Long Remembered Here

The following in the Douglas correspondence appeared in the Juneau Daily Empire of last Monday:

It was just one year ago this morning, April 22nd, 1918, that those of the population which had not been up practically all the preceding night awoke to the realization that a portion of the earth's surface and the buildings which encumbered it had disappeared during the night. In other words, it was just one year ago last night since the memorable cave-in that left Treadwell and all Gastineau Channel very much chastened and subdued as compared with former conditions.

Those who were on Douglas Island then will remember that consternation followed the rush of waters into the mine. All that day, it was Sunday, people residing in close proximity and many not within hundreds of yards of the yawning cave, were hastily packing their household goods and moving elsewhere—anywhere to get out of the danger zone. It was a blue Sunday, followed by a blue Monday. Everybody had a sort of chill; the merchants went on a cash basis, there was a run on the bank and many limited the further life of the camp to three weeks, at the end of which time it would be turned over to the Indians and owls.

True, many people left this portion of the country as the direct result of the disaster one year ago, but in the main both Treadwell and Douglas are doing business at the old stands. The Ready Bullion mine, one of the best gold quartz properties in the north and west, is still working and from 400 to 600 men are still employed in it and around Treadwell, and business has gone on about the same as before. Business men recovered from their fright and those who remained in business have had no occasion to regret having done so. A feeling of optimism exists and, but for the war, which has disorganized other parts of the world as well, business on Douglas Island would still be flourishing regardless of conditions.

HARDING WILL SPEAK

A good talk is expected here Saturday night when L. L. Harding, of Juneau, has consented to appear as four-minute man at the Orpheum.

CHANGES MADE IN EXEMPTION BOARD

J. W. Martin Appointed From Washington to Succeed Chairman Elmer E. Smith

While there is no doubt but that the Douglas No. 1 exemption board has well and faithfully performed its duties to the sacrifice of private interests, the personnel of the board has been changed by orders from Washington.

Elmer E. Smith, chairman of the exemption board, was notified yesterday by Capt. John T. Hunt, executive officer of Juneau, to turn over everything in connection with his position to J. W. Martin, of this place, who had been named to succeed him. While Mr. Martin is a busy man, the same as Mr. Smith and P. H. Fox, another member of the board, he is no slacker and will discharge the duties of the position to the best of his ability. Dr. Weyerhorst, medical examiner on the board, is reported to have resigned from the board, but could not be seen this morning to confirm the report. The report that Mr. Fox would resign is not correct. Asked concerning it, he said: "I have been fifty years an American and have never yet, when requested to do a service for my country, declined to do so or shirked a duty."

Just why Mr. Smith should have been instructed to vacate the position on the board is not apparent, and the consensus of opinion here is that there is a nigger in the woodpile.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE SARCASM

Valdez Miner Mentions Visit of Mine Inspector Maloney in Official Capacity

The Valdez Miner says: Never before have the mines of Alaska been inspected in the dead of winter. It is stated that never before has our mine inspector, William Maloney, interested himself in the conditions of the working man at this season of the year. Mr. Maloney is making a tour of the territory at government expense, but there is said to be a reason. He may be combining business with politics. Mr. Maloney is a candidate for delegate to congress. The time is opportune to interview the voters while on an official tour of the country. The list of casualties considering the number of men employed is alleged to have been greater the past year than for any year previous. It is time the mines were inspected, but it should be done in a conscientious manner, and without requiring the taxpayers to bear the expense of his campaign. The mines in the vicinity of Valdez were not inspected while he was here yesterday, but this may probably be an oversight. The inspector may not be aware that mines exist in this vicinity.

P. H. FOX
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